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SUBJECT: OECD ENERGY DIRECTORATE: U.S. CANDIDATE

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1. SUMMARY. REFTEL DESCRIBES STRUCTURE OF NEW AND EXPANDED OECD ENERGY DIRECTORATE AND INDICATES VACANCIES TO BE FILLED. SECRETARIAT HAS ASKED THAT PROCEDURES BE INITIATED FOR POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT OF FSO ALAN S. HEGBURG TO ONE OF TWO A-2/3 POSITIONS IN ENERGY POLICIES DIVISION. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE AND, IF APPROPRIATE, INITIATION OF STEPS FOR ASSIGNING HEGBURG TO SECRETARIAT ON REIMBURSABLE DETAIL. END SUMMARY

2. SECRETARIAT HAS WRITTEN MISSION THAT FSO HEGBURG, NOW ECONOMIC OFFICER IN BONN, IS BEING "ACTIVELY CONSIDERED" FOR "DIRECT APPOINTMENT" TO POSITION AT A-2/3 LEVEL IN ENERGY POLICIES DIVISION. WE UNDERSTAND SECRETARIAT, IF IT DECIDES TO OFFER POSITION TO HEGBURG, WOULD NOT OBJECT TO HIS BEING ASSIGNED ON REIMBURSABLE DETAIL.

3. DRAFT OF VACANCY NOTICE, LIKELY TO BE PUBLISHED ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1, SPECIFIES EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1 AND DESCRIBES DUTIES AS FOLLOWS:

"UNDER GENERAL SUPERVISION:

"(1) TO PARTICIPATE IN UNDERTAKING FULL-SCALE REVIEWS OF APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT POLICY RESPONSES GIVEN THE MARKET STRUCTURES FOR DIFFERENT FORMS OF ENERGY IN MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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"(2) TO PARTICIPATE IN CARRYING OUT STUDIES OF

POLICY ALTERNATIVES RELATED TO MAXIMIZING UTILIZATION OF ENERGY FORMS.

"(3) TO ANALYZE CURRENT DATA AND POLICIES ON RATIONALIZATION OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION, INCLUDING CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES.

"(4) TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF REPORTS FOR SUBMISSION TO COMMITTEES.

"(5) TO ASSIST OTHER PARTS OF THE ORGANIZATION ON BROADER STUDIES OF ENERGY QUESTIONS."

4. VACANCY NOTICE WILL INDICATE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS THREE WEEKS AFTER DATE OF NOTICE. IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT WHEN PERIOD FOR APPLICATIONS HAS CLOSED, SECGEN WILL FORMALLY OFFER POSITION TO HEGBURG. WE UNDERSTAND LANTZKE AND DEPSECGEN WOOTTON BOTH FAVOR SUCH APPOINTMENT, AND THAT HEGBURG WOULD LIKELY BE TRANSFERRED LATER TO WHATEVER MECHANISM IS ESTABLISHED AT OECD IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ECG DECISIONS.

5. COMMENT: FROM OUR CONTACTS WITH SECRETARIAT, HEGBURG, AND DEPARTMENT, IT SEEMS THAT THIS IS GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIGN FSO TO POSITION IN SECRETARIAT THAT WILL GIVE HIM BROAD EXPERIENCE IN ENERGY POLICIES AND ALLOW HIM TO CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVEMENT OF U.S. OBJECTIVES WITHIN OECD. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT BE PREPARED TO MAKE ASSIGNMENT ON SHORT NOTICE WHEN FORMALLY NOTIFIED OF SECGEN'S REQUEST, PRESUMABLY LATE IN SEPTEMBER.
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